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His lungs at last began to play,
But not, alas! to music true,
Tho' some in mere burlesque will say,
That honour was in this debut:
The lines he sang with such a tone,
Were "Barney leave the girls alone!"
Tho' now I guess, ere May or June,
He'll alter much his merry tune,
And pay the girls in humblest tone,
And beg they'll leave himself alone.

Tho' there was acted many a feat,
'Tis time to use my own retreat,
With wishing, "Girls, when I'm alone,
You'll never ask me for a song!"
My talent lies another way:
In writing you behold my power,
And I may live to hail the day,
That others in my bridal hour,
At Hymen's bright and golden altar,
Your fairy feet should never falter.

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THE MORALIST.

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"THOU MUST DIE."

Nothing appears to us to be more overlooked, or obliterated from the memory of man, than this sentence, until the awful time approaches for its execution.

When we consider the sentence passed upon all mankind, since the fall of Adam, (for that all have sinned) how insignificant and trifling appears the occupations and pursuits in which we are engaged. The young fancy to themselves scenes of happiness and bliss, almost exceeding description; and their fertile imagination is continually employed in "building castles in the air." Men, advanced in age, lay up goods for many years, and accumulate property and possessions, as though they were to inhabit this earth for ever. In the midst of all those cares and anxieties, preparations for death and eternity is entirely neglected and forgotten, and the sentence of Heaven treated with as little care, and as much contempt as an idle dream! But, when the summons to MEET THEIR GOD is presented to them, and eternity is fast advancing to their view, they look upon their past life, and see with amazement and regret the folly in which they have been engaged—their sins rise up before them in dreadful array, and the fearful forebodings of a gloomy hell press heavy on their minds.

Not so the death of the righteous, who
"Has made the statutes of the Lord
His study and delight."

To him death comes not unlooked for: he knows it to be the lot of frail nature, and rejoices in the swift-winged messenger, as a guardian sent to conduct him to his Heavenly home; he views death with composure as the road to blessedness. Compare his happy and peaceful death with the death of an unbeliever, groaning amidst his guilt and wretchedness. "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his," was the language of the prophet Balaam. And who does not desire it? If the death of the righteous is so desirable, surely his life must be also. Let me then earnestly press upon your minds the fear of the Lord, which Solomon, (emphatically denominated the wise man,) calls the "beginning of wisdom;" then shall thy life as well as thy death be like the righteous. A. W. I.

THE SABBATH.

"The various means of grace so abundantly blessed of God, are all by his own appointment brought into action on this holy day. But for the Sabbath, they would not be once thought of on other days; but for the Sabbath, they would soon be erased from the recollections of men, and blot out from the record of human affairs. Is the soul enlightened, convinced of sin, humbled, renewed, invigorated, comforted, assisted in its struggles with this conflicting world, brought forward on its spiritual pilgrimage, sanctified, prepared to triumph over death and the grave, made meet for heaven, clothed as an angel of light, and presented before the throne of God without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing? All this light, and purity, and consolation, and honor, and glory, she owes, instrumentally, to the Sabbath. Is this the happy allotment of the Church of God, collectively? Are such the possessions of the nations of the saved, composed as they are of a great multitude, which no man can number, from every kindred, and tongue, and people? With one voice must they ascribe their inestimable inheritance to the influence of the Sabbath. Blot out the Sabbath, and you blot out the last beam of hope from the troubled and desponding heart. Blot out the Sabbath, and no longer will the salutary lessons of the Bible lead ungodly men to repentance and salvation. No longer will the silver clarion of the gospel proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of death's prison doors to those that are bound. No longer will the voice of supplication ascend from the ruined world, to draw from heaven the blessing now so munificently imparted to the hearer of prayer."

After having in a single chapter recorded the reigns of the sixty Byzantine Emperors, including a space of six hundred years; the philosophic Gibbon seemed forced to convey the moral, which he thus does in his usual beauty of style.

"A being of the nature of man, endowed with the same faculties, but with a longer measure of existence, would cast down a smile of pity and contempt on the crimes and follies of human ambition, so eager in a narrow span, to grasp at the precarious and short-lived enjoyment. It is thus that the experience of history exalts and enlarges the horizon of our intellectual views. In a composition of some days, in a period of some hours, six hundred years have rolled away, and the duration of a life or reign is contracted to a fleeting moment; the grave is ever beside the throne; the success of a criminal is almost instantly followed by the loss of his prize; and our immortal reason survives and disdains the sixty phantoms of Kings who have passed before our eyes, and faintly dwell on our remembrance. The observation, that in every age and climate, ambition has prevailed with the same commanding energy, may abate the surprise of a philosopher; but while he condemns the vanity, he may search the motive, of this uni-

versal desire to obtain and hold the sceptre of dominion—Was personal happiness the object of their ambition? I shall not descend on the vulgar topics of the misery of Kings; but I may surely observe that their condition, of all others, is the most pregnant with fear, and the least susceptible of hope."

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THE ESSAYIST.

Boundless and various as the fields of thought.

TO THE PRINTERS,

You are young men, and as such, will not, it is presumed, be unwilling to set apart a small portion of your miscellany to one whose hey-day of life is past, but who yet feels a kind of paternal regard for his young friends, that are just launching there barks, as it were, on the streams of life, and will need a pilot to enable them to steer with safety, by the rocks and quicksands that lie in their course; but understand me—conscious of my own inability, I do not present myself as that pilot, but simply as one, who, having passed through many "hair-breadth escapes," and at last reached the still deep waters of reflection, finds a repose, which he is willing to employ in pointing out whatever hints and recollections his voyage has afforded; entertaining at least the hope, that his observations may merit a small corner in your paper, and a place in the bosoms of those, whom he has designated as his young friends.

But I find, contrary altogether to my intention, that I am getting into a tedious way of talking; now I hate long introductions, and have a particular aversion to prefaces—so without more ado, as my object in this essay, is simply to introduce myself, I'll elen about it at once, with as much grace and brevity as is compatible with my condition.

In addition to my design as above stated, I shall consider the follies and whims of the present day, as within my peculiar province, through the medium of my invisible agent; no young woman shall misbehave, but she will hear of it in my next paper—no young man, whatever be his pretensions, who shall in the least offend against decency and good manners, but shall have a hint; in brief, with all good nature, kind feeling, and honest intentions, "I claim a character boundless as the winds, and blow on whom I please."

But I have determined not to be phlegmatic, cross-grained, or tedious, and therefore, consider it time for the present, to forbear, which I shall do by commending myself "with all my imperfections on my head," to the gentle thoughts of your juvenile readers, for whom I shall occasionally, for the sake of variety, indulge myself in story-telling recommending to the Printers to put this in large type for my own convenience—to deal honest and just with all—live devoutly—and get married.

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Measure, Editors,

Your correspondent "A. C." has attacked the writer of the account of the "Spinner's meeting," with a considerable degree of acrimony: he will not retort her harsh language, for such conduct might prove that it had been properly applied; but he flatters himself no maiden lady who reads that account, would feel seriously offended at the author of it, or form an unfavourable opinion of the qualities of his heart. It was not written with the intention of hurting the feelings of any one; and the caricature was carefully painted for the purpose of carrying its antidote with it. "A. C." has taken some pains to prove that its aim was "to exalt our sex's mental endowments, and to lessen the value of hers." This is uncandid. Not a line can be found which makes an allusion of the kind. She states that brothers "exult when they find anything that exalts the opinion of their talents and standing over their sisters." This is a mistake: for there is no brother who would not perceive with pleasure a sister's talents; no son who would not dwell with pride on a mother's intellectual qualities: and no man who possesses a well formed heart could speak with contempt of female intellect, when the monuments of its greatness exist in the writings of a Montague, a De Staël, a Radcliffe and a Baile. Although he is willing to believe that when "woman enters on an enterprise her spirit is firm and persevering," yet he will do her the justice to suppose, that if with mistaken views, she entered on one calculated to oppress any part of heaven's creation, much less than an "hour's converse" would induce her to give up an attempt, so unworthy of her.

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An acquaintance is a being, who meets us with a smile and a salute, who tells us in the same breath, that he is glad and sorry for the most trivial good and ill that befalls us; and yet who turns from us without regret, who scarce wishes to see us again, who forsakes us in hopeless sickness or adversity, and when we die remembers us no more. A friend, is he with whom our interests are united, upon whose participation all our pleasures depend, who soothes us in the fretfulness of disease, and cheers us in the gloom of a prison; to whom when we die our cores are sacred, who follows them with tears to the grave, and preserves our image in his heart. A friend our calamities may grieve, and our wants may impoverish, but neglect only can offend, and unkindness alienate. J. A. R.

CONVERSATION.

There is nothing more disagreeable than the introduction of stories into conversation, unless short, pointed, and quite apropos. "Life who deals in them," says Swift, "must either have a very large stock, or a good memory, or must often change his company." Some have a set of them strung together like onions; they take possession of the conversation by an early introduction of one; and then you must have the whole rope; and there's an end of every thing else, perhaps, for that meeting, though you may have heard all twenty times before.

From the Portsmouth Journal.
"Whoe'er has travell'd life's dull round,
Where'er his various tour has been,
May sigh to think how oft he found
His warmest welcome at an Inn."
"May I not take mine ease in mine own Inn?
A cup of sack, boy?"—Fulstoft.

Mr. EDISON—It was said of Augustus that it would have been better for Rome had he never been born, or had never died. So it might be said that a man had better never enter a Tavern, or never return from it. Doctor Johnson has announced from the throne of literature, that a tavern chair is the throne of human felicity. Whether Doctor Johnson were a "bear" or a beaver, must be decided by the critics. There is no private house, in which one can be so much at ease, or act his free will and pleasure with such an air of authority, and at the same time be so free from responsibility on account of what he may do or say, as in a tavern. A Tavern is a sort of merchandise, where your specie is received in full payment for almost any sort of indulgence. Nobody will presume to contradict you at a tavern, should you protest that "black was not black, nor white so very white." As provided, you pay your bill, and be, besides, as Sir Roger de Coverly has it, a man of principle and a smucker. You may eat much, drink much, talk much, and laugh much, and more than all, you may pay much, and nobody of the house will complain. You are only required to allow the same freedom of eating and laughing, and drinking and talking, and paying to all other persons whatsoever. A Tavern is a little republic, where you may caucus and nominate, and vote for yourself without a dissenting voice. And it possesses many of the charms, and much of the consequence of a monarchy too, for you act as Kings are wont to do; nobody being hardy enough to dispute your will or oppose your orders.

Beniface himself, be he ever so good a republican, submits to the decrees of regal power, and, ever and anon, spreads his broad face into a broader circumference as you issue your orders from the throne with more or less majesty.
Landlord! a supper for six!—Yes Sir—Fowls—pigs—oysters—ham—Yes Sir—Celery, fruit and wine—Certainly! yes Sir—I'll pay—Yes Sir—the bill—Yes Sir—Boyl!—Yes Sir—Bring me—Yes Sir—a glass—Yes Sir—of Brandy and—Yes Sir—Here Landlord!—Here Sir.

Have my boots brushed, bring in the easy chair, put some coal on the fire, have some coffee at supper; let my boots be blacked; hang up my cloak; drive that cat out of the room, and bring me the boot-jack.
—Oh, yes Sir—Boyl!—Yes Sir—A cigar—Yes Sir—and a glass of—Yes Sir—Water!—Oh! yes Sir.

Now you have the entire use of a large parlour. And in signification of your importance, instead of wearing three tails, like a bashaw, you sit in three chairs at a time, like a gentleman. You put one or two of your feet on the andirons, the table, or the jamb. You walk, trot, or run, about the room, and in the lordliness of your independence, jump over the sideboard, or break the china.
But all human felicity is liable to interruption; for most probably a traveller, more cold and hungry than yourself, will present himself in your room, and deposit himself in a chair by the fire.—This, no doubt, is a contempt of the royal prerogative. You will accordingly cast supercilious smiles of contempt upon his face and appearance; thrust both hands into your pockets, and whistle with great energy and effect. And in token of mortal defiance, you will take a pinch of snuff in the most resolute manner that can be conceived, of the consequence of which will make the "welken ring" again. But the enemy is not to be so easily dislodged; he will solicit the favor of your snuff box, and return the salutation with a force that will make

"The rocks, and hills, and dales resound."
Being disappointed in this mode of warfare, you will come to a sort of cessation of arms with your discourteous adversary, and by way of conciliation he will perhaps say—
Bad travelling, Sir—Hum—What news?—Hum—(With a genteel sneer)—Are you the Landlord?—The Landlord, Sir—Yes, the Landlord, Sir? You seem to be at home—just bring me a hot cut!

A hot cut! a hot cut! You stride the room with marvellous dignity, and "being rash and very sudden in cholera," you ring the bell with an imposing violence—while your tormentor regards you with a look of dogged complacency. The Landlord enters. With a proud sense of superiority you point to your unwelcome guest; bowing profoundly he apologizes for his mistake by saying, how strange it was that he should take you for the master of the Inn!

Perhaps you will feel the "stings and arrows" of wounded vanity, and resolve for the future to remember that in a tavern every one is your equal, and equally entitled, as travellers, to "half the road."
By-and-by, supper being on the table, every agreeable feeling is restored, and you do unusual justice to the repast.—Your company of "six" grows pleasant at your expense. Every jest smacks of the attic. Song succeeds to song, and the mind is pleasantly bewildered by the smartness of the wit—the transparent volumes of the smoke and the witching enchantment of the wine. You lose all the money in your pocket at the card table, which adds zest to the enjoyments of the evening. Being entirely secure from the officiousness and intrusion of the womankind, you drink your wine with a merry heart, and puff your "Indian weed" with a brightened countenance.

When "the good wine has done its good office," you compose your head in a longitudinal direction across the arm or back of the chair, and go composedly to sleep. Upon awaking you find yourself without any other company than a few pleasantly confused ideas, a very moderate headache, and a very moderate Tavern Bill.

From L'Histoire Des Chiens Celebres.

THE DOG OF THE FOREST.

In the unhappy and too memorable winter of 1790, when the corn, the vine, and the olive, were destroyed by the severe cold in France, the wolves made dreadful ravages in the fields, and rushed with ferocity even upon men. One of these ravenous beasts, after having broken the window, entered a cottage in the forest of Orte, near Angoulême. Two children, one six, the other eight years of age, were reposing on the bed in the absence of their mother, who had gone in search of wood to kindle a fire; meeting with no resistance, the wolf leaped upon the bed, and sought to destroy his delicate prey. Seized with a sudden fright, the two little boys crept quickly under the covering, and held it closely without drawing a breath—so near was the flesh which enticed him, that not being able to attain it instantly, the murderous animal became more furious, and began to destroy the covering with his teeth. Trifling as was his obstacle, it nevertheless preserved the lives of these innocent children. A large and faithful dog, who had followed their mother, returned in time to deliver them; he had scented the track of the wolf at more than a hundred yards from the house, whither the mother was slowly returning, loaded with faggots; he ran with the quickness of the

stag—he entered like a lion, and falling upon the animal, who had endeavored to secrete himself in an obscure corner, he seized the base wretch by the throat and dragging him to the door, strangled him instantly. The alarm of the mother on her return was indescribable. She beheld the wolf stretched upon the earth, the dog covered with blood, her bed in confusion, and her children gone. Observing the distresses of his mistress, the dog ran towards her with the most energetic solicitude, then turning to the bed, he thrust his head repeatedly under the covering, and by the most expressive signs endeavored to intimate to her, that she would find there, that which she held most dear.—The mother approached, and extending her trembling hand discovered that her children were there, although deprived of motion; she hastened to restore them—there was yet time—a moment's delay would have rendered the attempt useless.—When they recovered their senses, they recounted the danger to which they had been exposed—the manner in which the wolf entered, and their wonderful preservation. The faithful animal, pleased in having saved the lives of these little innocents, by his eager caresses gave ample testimony that his joy was fully equal to that of his mistress.

COLLECTANEA.

TRUE POLITENESS.

True politeness is common to delicate souls of all nations, and is not peculiar to any one people. External civility is but the form established in the different countries for expressing that politeness of the soul. Internal politeness, is very different from superficial civility. It is an evenness of mind which excludes at the same time both insensibility, and too much earnestness; it supposes a quickness in discerning what may suit the different characters of men: it is a sweet condescension, by which we adapt ourselves to each man's taste: not to flatter his passions, but to avoid provoking them. In a word it is a forgetting of ourselves in order to seek what may be agreeable to order; in so delicate a manner, as to let them scarce perceive that we are employed. It knows how to contradict with respect, and to please without adulation, and is equally remote from an insipid complaisance, and a low familiarity.

DOMESTIC LIFE.

No man ever prospered in the world without the consent and co-operation of his wife. If she unites in mutual endeavours, or rewards his labour with an endearing smile, with what perseverance does he apply to his vocation; with what confidence will he resort to his merchandize or farm; fly over lands; sail upon the seas; meet difficulty and encounter danger—if he knows he is not spending his strength in vain, but that his labour will be rewarded by the sweets of home! Solitude and disappointment enter into the history of every man's life; and he is but half provided for his voyage, who finds but an associate for happy hours, while for his months of darkness and distress no sympathizing partner is prepared!

How to make the Eye-lashes grow beautifully.—In Circassia, Georgia, and Hindostan, it is one of the first objects of a mother's care to promote the growth of her children's eye-lashes. Hair left to itself seldom grows long, but either splits at the top into two or more forks, or becomes smaller and smaller till it ends in a fine gossamer point.—When it does so it never grows any longer, but remains stationary. The Circassian method of treating the eye-lashes is founded on this principle. The careful mother removes with a pair of scissors the forked and gossamer like points (not more) of the eye-lashes, and every time this is done their growth is renewed, and they become long, close, finely curved and of a silky gloss.—This operation of tipping may be repeated every month or six weeks. The eye-lashes of infants and children are best tipped when they are asleep.—Ladies may, with a little care, do the office for themselves. The secret must be invaluable to those whose eye-lashes have been thinned and dwarfed, as often happens by inflammation of the eyes.

CHARACTER OF A BACHELOR.

Mrs. Grant, in her notice of James M'Pherson, observes—"His heart and temper were originally good—His religious principles were, I fear, unfixed and fluctuating; but the primary cause, that so much genius, taste, benevolence, and prosperity did not produce or diffuse more happiness was his living a stranger to the comforts of domestic life, from which unhappy connections excluded him.

Tavern company, and bachelor circles make men gross, callous and awkward; in short, disqualify them for superior female society. The more heart old bachelors of this class have, the more absurd and insignificant they grow in the long run: for when infirmity comes on, and fame and business lose their attractions, they must needs have somebody to love and trust, and they become the dupes of wretched toad-eaters, and slaves to designing house-keepers.

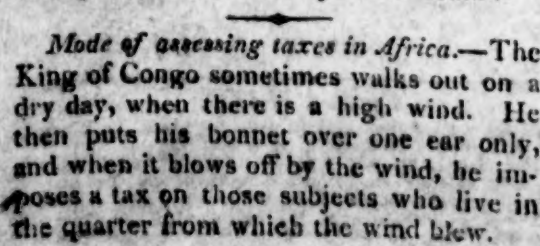
MALADIE DU PAYS.

The intrepid Swiss, that guards a foreign shore, Condemn'd to climb his mountain cliff no more; If chance he hears the song so sweetly wild, Which on those cliffs his infant hours beguiled, Melts at the long-lost scenes that round him rise, And sinks a martyr to repentant sighs.

ROCKS.

That many a Swiss has sunk a martyr to his longing after home, is a fact literally true. The malady is commonly brought on by hearing the celebrated national air of the *Mont des Vaches*, sung at an unexpected moment, or when under the influence of dejected feelings. Overcome with the recollections which it awakens, he sheds tears, and is only to be consoled by the prospect of immediately returning to that home, his exile from which he deplores. If unable to accomplish this wish of his heart, he sinks into a profound melancholy, which but unfrequently terminates in disease and death.

Dr. Burney, in his History of Music, says, that when at Potsdam, Lord Marischal informed him, that five soldiers at Valladolid, in Spain, who had heard one of their countrymen play this tune on the top of the steeple, were all seized with this distemper, and obliged to be sent home. "An effect," says Dr. B. "which can only be accounted for by the reminiscence of former liberty and happiness in their native country."
Lord Marischal also told Dr. Burney of a Scotch Highlander, who always cried upon hearing a certain slow Scotch tune played upon the bagpipes



1. "Public, that his "*Free and Easy*" is open every *Saturday* and *Sunday* evening. He also with pleasure announces to those who are so kindly supported him for the past seasons, that he has increased his upper Room, and his lower Room is now decorated with the painting of Mr. Samuel Annes, viz. The superb *Grotto* scene "the Bath of Beauty." He respectfully assures the Public that nothing on his part shall be wanting to render his guests comfortable.

2. To prevent intrusion from Boys, Gentlemen will receive Tickets at the Bar for 6-1-4 Cents, payable in Refreshments.

3. Refreshes always ready—Hot Whisky Punch, &c, &c.

4. A select Band of Music. This evening Mr. F. Eberle will sing several Solos on the Kent Hough.

Wm. G. W. MURPHY and

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Dec. 27—1f CHARLES P. LISLE.

and Yonks Water Proof Fur Hats, which are
cheap or can be bought in the city. White Hats are
markedly light—these who prefer to keep their hats
have them made according to order, at a very short notice.
June 28—1901

Within the grave?
 Would hail a stranger drop,
 From offering at the top.